GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Shortage of Funds in Health Sector
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a meagre share of Gross Domestic Products (GDP) has been allocated to the health sector in the country if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether a policy has been formulated regarding spending of resources on public health care, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of GDP allocated by the Government for health services during the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the total funds allocated for health services during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): The allocation of funds for health sector is based inter-alia, on the availability of resources and competing claims on these resources. An increase in economic growth makes available increased resources for funding the health sector. In addition to this, availability of overall resources, past utilization, requirements and absorptive capacity inter-alia guide the allocations to the health sector.

(b): The National Health policy, 2017 proposes raising public health expenditure to 2.5% of the GDP in a time bound manner by 2025.

(c): As per Economic Survey 2016-17 brought out by Ministry of Finance, expenditure by Government (Central and State Governments combined) on health as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for last three years is as under:

(i) 2014-15 - 1.1%
(ii) 2015-16 - 1.3% (RE)
(iii) 2016-17 - 1.4 % (BE)
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(d): The funds allocated to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, for last three years and current year, are as under :
(i) 2014-15 - Rs. 39,237.82 Crore
(ii) 2015-16 - Rs. 33,282.17 Crore
(iii) 2016-17 - Rs. 39,532.55 Crore
(iv) 2017-18 - Rs. 50,592.63 Crore